



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very model of a modern Major-General
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral
I (1)_____ the (2)_____ of England
And I quote the fights historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical
I understand equations, (3)_____ the simple and
quadratical
About binomial (4)_____ I'm teeming with a lot o'
news
(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)
With many cheerful facts
About the square of the hypotenuse

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I'm very good at integral and
(5)_____ calculus
I know the scientific names of beings animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (6)_____ model of a modern Major-General

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I know our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I answer hard acrostics, I've a (7)_____ taste for
paradox
I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies
I know the croaking chorus
From The Frogs of Aristophanes
Then I can hum a fugue
Of which I've heard the music's din afore
(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)
And whistle all the airs
From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

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Then I can write a (8)_____ bill in Babylonian
cuneiform
And (9)_____ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General

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In fact
When I (10)_____ what is meant by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can (11)_____ at sight a (12)_____ rifle



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When (13)_____ (14)_____ as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I (15)_____ learnt
What progress has been made in (16)_____
gunnery
When I know more of tactics (17)_____ a novice in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a (18)_____ of
elemental strategy
(Oh, that's a (19)_____ one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a-gee
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (20)_____ model of a modern Major-General
...
(One more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at (21)_____ a Mauser rifle from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (22)_____ has been (23)_____ in
modern gunnery
When I know more of (24)_____ than a novice in
a nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has (25)_____ been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (26)_____ of a modern Major-General!
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Answer

1. know
2. kings
3. both
4. theorem
5. differential
6. very
7. pretty
8. washing
9. tell
10. know
11. tell
12. Mauser
13. such
14. affairs
15. have
16. modern
17. than
18. smattering
19. hard
20. very
21. sight
22. progress
23. made
24. tactics
25. only
26. model